

Senate File 71 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health care coverage for registered nurse
2 first assistant benefits or services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1426SS 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.23 REGISTERED NURSE FIRST
1 2 ASSISTANT COVERAGE.
1 3 1. Notwithstanding section 514C.6, an individual or group
1 4 policy of accident or health insurance or individual or group
1 5 hospital or health care service contract issued pursuant to
1 6 chapter 509, 514, or 514A, or an individual or group health
1 7 maintenance organization contract issued pursuant to chapter
1 8 514B and delivered, amended, or renewed on or after July 1,
1 9 2007, that provides coverage for first surgical assistant
1 10 benefits or services, shall be interpreted to include coverage
1 11 for a registered nurse first assistant, if the individual
1 12 meets all of the following qualifications:
1 13 a. Is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to chapter
1 14 152.
1 15 b. Is certified in perioperative nursing.
1 16 c. Holds a certificate from and has successfully completed
1 17 a recognized program for registered nurse first assistant
1 18 education.
1 19 2. For the purposes of this section:
1 20 a. "Perioperative nursing" means the practice of nursing
1 21 in which the nurse provides preoperative, intraoperative, and
1 22 postoperative nursing care to surgical patients.
1 23 b. "Recognized program" means a program that meets all of
1 24 the following conditions:
1 25 (1) Addresses the entire core curriculum for registered
1 26 nurse first assistants established by the association of
1 27 perioperative registered nurses.
1 28 (2) Includes one academic year, equivalent to two college
1 29 semesters, in a college or university with didactic
1 30 instruction and clinical internship programs.

EXPLANATION

1 31 This bill requires that an individual or group policy of
1 32 accident or health insurance or individual or group hospital
1 33 or health care service contract issued under Code chapter 509
1 34 (group insurance), Code chapter 514 (nonprofit health service
2 1 corporation), or Code chapter 514A (individual accident and
2 2 health insurance) or an individual or group health maintenance
2 3 organization contract issued pursuant to Code chapter 514B
2 4 (health maintenance organizations) and delivered, amended, or
2 5 renewed on or after July 1, 2007, that provides first surgical
2 6 assistant benefits or services is to be interpreted to include
2 7 registered nurse first assistants, if the individual meets
2 8 certain qualifications. The bill specifies the qualifications
2 9 which must be met and provides definitions.
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